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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Fernando – Standoff on Amtrak Train Ends after Police Fire Tear Gas

(U) A standoff with an armed man who barricaded himself aboard an Amtrak train ended on 17 September after police used tear gas. An Amtrak spokeswoman reported the man was taken into custody without incident and police recovered a handgun. The train carrying 187 passengers and five crew members was evacuated after several reported seeing a man with a weapon acting erratically. The train bound for San Diego was stopped in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles as police conducted a search.

SOURCE: 17 September 2016, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Gas Prices Increase in Southwest after Pipeline Rupture

(U) Birmingham – States across the Southeast are experiencing sharp jumps in gas prices after a major gasoline pipeline ruptured in central Alabama, spilling as many as 336,000 gallons of fuel upstream from a national wildlife refuge. The pipeline breached near an old coal mine pit, and much of the fuel flowed into a water retention pond, minimalizing the environmental damage. The leak was discovered on 16 September when a mining inspector detected a strong odor of gasoline at a mining property in a remote area of Shelby County, about 30 miles south of Birmingham.

SOURCE: 18 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Florida – Zika Transmission Zone Triples in Miami Beach

(U) Miami Beach – The Zika virus zone in Miami Beach has tripled to 4.5 square miles, Florida state officials said on 16 September. The department said five people — two men and three women — in the expanded area all experienced symptoms within one month of each other. None of the latest Miami Beach infections were related to travel, officials said.

SOURCE: 16 September 2016, [CBS](#)

(U) Maryland – US Formally Recalls Samsung Galaxy Note 7

(U) Bethesda – Federal consumer safety regulators on 15 September formally recalled 1 million Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphones after dozens of users reported the device caught fire while charging. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission told customers to "immediately stop using and power down" the device. The company has received 92 reports of the batteries overheating in the US, including 26 reports of burns and 55 reports of property damage from fires.

SOURCE: 15 September 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) Minnesota – ISIL Claims Responsibility for Mall Attack

(U) St. Cloud – A man who stabbed nine people at a mall in central Minnesota before being shot dead is a "soldier of the ISIL," the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) news agency said yesterday, as the FBI investigated the attack as a potential act of terrorism. The man, who was wearing a private security uniform, made references to Allah and asked at least one person if they were Muslim before he

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assaulted them at a mall in St. Cloud on 17 September. Authorities declined to identify the suspect, who was killed by an off-duty policeman, because the investigation was under way.

SOURCE: 18 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) New Jersey – Afghanistan-Born American Bombing Suspect Captured

(U) Linden – An Afghanistan-born American sought in connection with bombings in New York City and New Jersey was taken into custody today after a shootout. Ahmad Khan Rahami of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was captured after firing at police officers in Linden, New Jersey, about 20 miles outside New York. The New York City bombing wounded more than two dozen people in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood on 17 September. The NYPD earlier said they also wanted to question Rahami about a blast on that day in Seaside Park, New Jersey. Investigators believe more people were involved in the New York and New Jersey bombing plots.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Hate Drove Gunman to Shoot Police

(U) Philadelphia – A gunman who wounded two Philadelphia police officers and three civilians and killed a fourth civilian appears to have been driven by hatred for the police but had no known ties to any militant groups, officials said on 17 September. A Police Commissioner identified the gunman as Nicholas Glenn, 25, who had a long arrest record. Glenn began a shooting spree and later was killed by responding officers. The two police officers and three wounded civilians were all in stable condition. The gunman left a rambling letter titled "doomed" in which he ranted against law enforcement and threatened to harm officers.

SOURCE: 17 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

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(U) France – French President Hollande Reports More Resources Needed to Fight Terrorism

(U) Paris– French President Francois Hollande said today that more resources are needed to combat terrorism in a country where more than 230 people have been killed in militant attacks since the start of 2015. Hollande, who has said in the past that anti-terror measures took precedence over spending cutbacks to meet targets reducing the public deficit, made his comments at a commemoration ceremony for victims of attacks. Hollande's government has stepped up hiring of police and put thousands of extra police and soldiers on the streets to protect sensitive sites. France has been under emergency law since the Paris attacks.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – Syrian Military Declares End to Cease Fire

(U) Damascus – Syria's military declared an end to a week-old cease-fire today brokered by Russia and the United States following violations on all sides, including a US-led coalition airstrike that mistakenly killed dozens of Syrian soldiers. Syria's military blamed rebel groups for undermining the cease-fire that aimed to bring the country's bloody five-year civil war to an end. The Syrian military said in a statement that "armed terrorist groups" repeatedly violated the cease-fire which went into effect on 12 September, the Associated Press reported. The military said the armed groups also took advantage of the truce to mobilize and arm themselves while attacking government-held areas.

SOURCE: 19 September 2016, [USA Today](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkish Police Detain 40 with Links to ISIL

(U) Istanbul – Turkish counter-terror police detained 40 foreign nationals in raids in Istanbul over their suspected links with ISIL, Turkey's state-run Anadolu news agency reported yesterday. Police carried out

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simultaneous raids on 23 addresses in Istanbul's conservative Fatih district, detaining suspects from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Azerbaijan. Some suspects are identified as having gone to the conflict areas inside Syria several times.

SOURCE: 18 September 2016, [The Daily Star](#)

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